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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS FRG

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SUMMARY: ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BANDA THANKED THE FRG FOR ITS RECENT EFFORTS AT ADDIS ABABA AND CALLED FOR A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY FOR ANGOLA. HE URGED INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND THE FRG AND ASKED FOR MILITARY AID. GENSCHER USED BANDA'S VISIT TO OPENLY REAFFIRM THE FRG'S POSITION ON ANGOLA. END SUMMARY.

1. IN A LUNCHEON ON JANUARY 14 FOR THE ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RUPIAH BANDA, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER REAFFIRMED THE FRG'S POSITION ON ANGOLA, WHICH HE HAD OUTLINED IN LETTERS TO SEVERAL AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS, (REFTEL). GENSCHER SAID THAT THE FRG CONDEMNS ANY MILITARY INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA. COMMENTING ON GENSCHER'S REMARKS, FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA TOLD EMBOFF THAT GENSCHER WAS ALSO CLEARLY CONDEMNING THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA, BUT THAT HE WAS NOT REFERRING TO U.S. SUPPORT FOR UNITA OR FNLA.

2. AGREEING WITH HIS HOST, BANDA ALSO DENOUNCED INTERFERENCE IN ANGOLA BY SOUTH AFRICA "AND OTHER POWERS." HE ALSO CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE AND THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ALSO TOLD US ON MOST CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT BANDA ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ROLE THE WEST GERMANS PLAYED IN ADDIS ABABA IN TRYING TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THE OAU MEETING.

3. BANDA, WHO IS RETURNING GENSCHER'S VISIT TO LUSAKA LAST YEAR, WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SCHEEL, CDU CHAIRMAN KOHL, SPD FLOOR LEADER HERBERT WEHNER, FDP FLOOR LEADER WOLFGANG MISCHNICK, MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT EGON BAHR AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BANDA APPEALED TO THE

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH ZAMBIA, ESPECIALLY IN COPPER MINING. FOREIGN OFFICE TOLD US THAT BANDA ALSO ASKED FOR MILITARY AID. A DELEGATION OF SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WILL GO TO LUSAKA SHORTLY TO DISCUSS BANDA'S PROPOSALS.

5. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PUBLICLY CONFIRMED THAT THE FRG IS PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID TO ANGOLA. ACCORDING

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TO PRESS REPORTWHICH ARE SOMEWHAT AT ODDS WITH WHAT FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TOLD US (REFTEL), THE FRG HAS GIVEN THE MPLA, FNLA, AND UNITA EACH APPROXIMATELY DM 100,000. IN ADDITION TO DIRECT AID, THE FRG GAVE THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS 250,000 FOR AID TO ANGOLA.

6. COMMENTS: BANDA SHOULD HAVE BEEN FLATTERED BY HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT W HICH WAS COMPARABLE TO THAT ACCORDED A HEAD OF STATE. PUBLIC COMMENT ON VISIT FOCUSED ON ANGOLAN ASPECTS OF VISIT.
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